Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Marlyn F. Heckel's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Heckel devoted more than 37 years of his life to the service of this state and country while serving numerous positions with the 665th Maintenance Company. He was a member of the Honor Guard and the 665th Maintenance Company shooting team. He helped many fellow soldiers with their marksmanship and was section chief of Track Platoon with the 665th Maintenance Company. Staff Sergeant Heckel participated in several state activations in support of emergency operations; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Staff Sergeant Heckel continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Staff Sergeant Marlyn F. Heckel for more than 37 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 14, 2007, as

STAFF SERGEANT MARLYN F. HECKEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State